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SUBJECT: FORMAT FOR NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING

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1. AFTER PUTTING DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL REGARDING PRIVATE MEETING AT NAC MINISTERIAL TO SYG LUNS ORALLY AND IN WRITING, I RAISED SUBJECT AT NOVEMBER 20 PERMREPS LUNCH.

2. MOST UNDERSTOOD WHY SECRETARY WOULD WANT PRIVATE MEETING OF FONMINS AND SYG ALONE. HOWEVER, MANY OF PERMREPS RECALLED SIMILAR PROPOSALS, ONE GOING BACK TO TIME OF WINSTON CHURCHILL WHO, ACCORDING TO COUNCIL DEAN DE STAERCKE, HAD MAINTAINED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR CONTINUITY IN NATO'S WORK FOR THE COUNCIL TO BE PRESENT AT MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.

3. OTHER PERMREPS SAID THAT IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF MINISTERS ONLY THERE WERE FIFTEEN VERSIONS OF WHAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND AGREED, AND NO WAY TO ORDERLY PERFORM THE FOLLOW-UP THAT WAS NECESSARY. LUNS AGREED.

4. ALL PERMREPS AND LUNS SAID SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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NECESSARY. TURKISH PERMREP POINTED TO PARTICULAR PROBLEM FOR HIS MINISTER, WHO SPEAKS NEITHER OFFICIAL NATO LANGUAGE.

5. IN SUM, STRONG CONSENSUS WAS FOR U.S. TO MODIFY REQUEST

FOR PRIVATE MEETING ATTENDANCE TO SYG, MINISTERS AND PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES, WITH SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION.

6. GUIDANCE REQUESTED.
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